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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. BURTON of Indiana].

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
June 16, 1995.

I hereby designate the Honorable DAN BURTON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

With hearts of gratitude and praise, O gracious God, we offer our thanks for Your Word that points us in the right way, that accompanies us in the valley of the shadow, that never abandons us though we forget or despise, that inspires and encourages us no matter what the concern, that forgives us and pardons us of all guilt, that reminds us that in all the moments of life we are never alone, for Your Word of faith and hope and love is with us always. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from American Samoa [Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed a concurrent resolution of the following title, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. Con. Res. 17. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the exhibition of the RAH-66 Comanche helicopter.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will accept five 1-minutes from each side.

### IN DEFENSE OF DEFENSE

(Mr. HEFLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, I think it is fair to say that the defense budget has not been a high priority for Mr. Clinton. I think it is important, however, for us to remember that the greatest portion of the defense dollars that are spent are not spent on SDI nor on the B-2 bomber.

We spend the biggest share of our defense dollars on people, the young enlisted personnel who catapult the F-14's off carriers, control military satellites, man Patriot missile batteries, and land on beaches from Normandy to Somalia. These men and women who travel in harm's way for our sake are the ones who are hurt by inadequate defense spending.

We have begun yesterday and again today the process of rebuilding our national defenses. Because of our fiscal crisis, it won't be as much as some of us would like but it is a down payment. Remember, most defense goes to the men and women who protect us every day. That is what you will find in today's military construction appropriation bill.

Mr. Speaker, history has proven to us that when we see the daylight of peace on the horizon, we tend to disarm and bask in the sunshine. We need to remember that the darkness of war can be only a few hours away.

### DO NOT BALANCE THE BUDGET ON THE BACKS OF OUR CHILDREN AND SENIOR CITIZENS

(Mr. LEWIS of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, we are all in agreement, Democrats and Republicans; we must put the financial affairs of our country back in order. Our huge national debt, the legacy of the Reagan and Bush administrations, must be eliminated.

The question, Mr. Speaker, is how to cut and what to cut. The Republicans in Congress want to cut school lunches for our children, cut our student's college loans and cut Medicare for our senior citizens. This is how the Republicans propose to balance the budget.

Students will have to pay thousands more to attend college and our parents and grandparents will have to spend an extra \$1,000 per year for their health care.

At the same time the Republicans propose giving a tax break to the wealthiest people in America, the super rich, the top 1 percent. This approach, is wrong, just plain wrong.

Mr. Speaker, when are the Republicans in this House going to realize

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